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SUBJ: DIUGUID ARTICLE ON US-CHILE POLICY

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1. DIUGUID STORY (REFTEL) WAS NEITHER PRINTED NOR MENTIONED IN APRIL 22 SANTIAGO PRES. THIS LAPSE MAY ILLUSTRATE HOW "SELF-CENSORSHIP" WORKS IN PRACTICE IN CHILE, IN THAT PRESS MAY BE WAITING FOR GOC GUIDELINES ON HOW TO HANDLE ARTICLE AS SENSITIVE AS DIUGUID PIECE.

2. SANTIAGO PRESS APRIL 22, HOWEVER, DOES CARRY BRIEF GOC-INSPIRED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GOVT. PLANS "IMMEDIATE" ACTION AGAINST "MARXISTS AND PRO-MARXISTS -- INVOLVED IN CLANDESTINE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES." SOME TWELVE PERSONS ARE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED. RIGHT-WING, SENSATIONALIST "LA SEGUNDA" IN ITS REPORTING OF ANNOUNCEMENT, MENTIONED, APPARENTLY GRATUITOUSLY, POLITICAL RECESS AND "THOSE WHO ARE SENDING NEWS ITEMS AND (PARTY) AGREEMENTS ABROAD", LEADING TO SPECULATION THAT ANY SUCH MEASURES WOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) BECAUSE OF SUCH ITEMS AS DIUGUID STORY AND RECENT PARTY STATEMENT (SANTIAGO 2768).

3. GOC PRESS SPOKESMAN WILLOUGHBY TOLD DCM APRIL 22, HOWEVER, THAT GOC CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE AS A "WARNING" TO GROUP OF SOME TEN "MARXISTS AND PRO-MARXISTS" MOST OF WHOM RELEASED FROM DETENTION. HE SAID GOC WILL NOT ACTUALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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TAKE ACTION AGAINST THOSE PERSONS. WILLOUGHBY DID NOT

SAY, NOR DO WE KNOW, SPECIFICALLY WHOM HE HAS IN MIND.

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